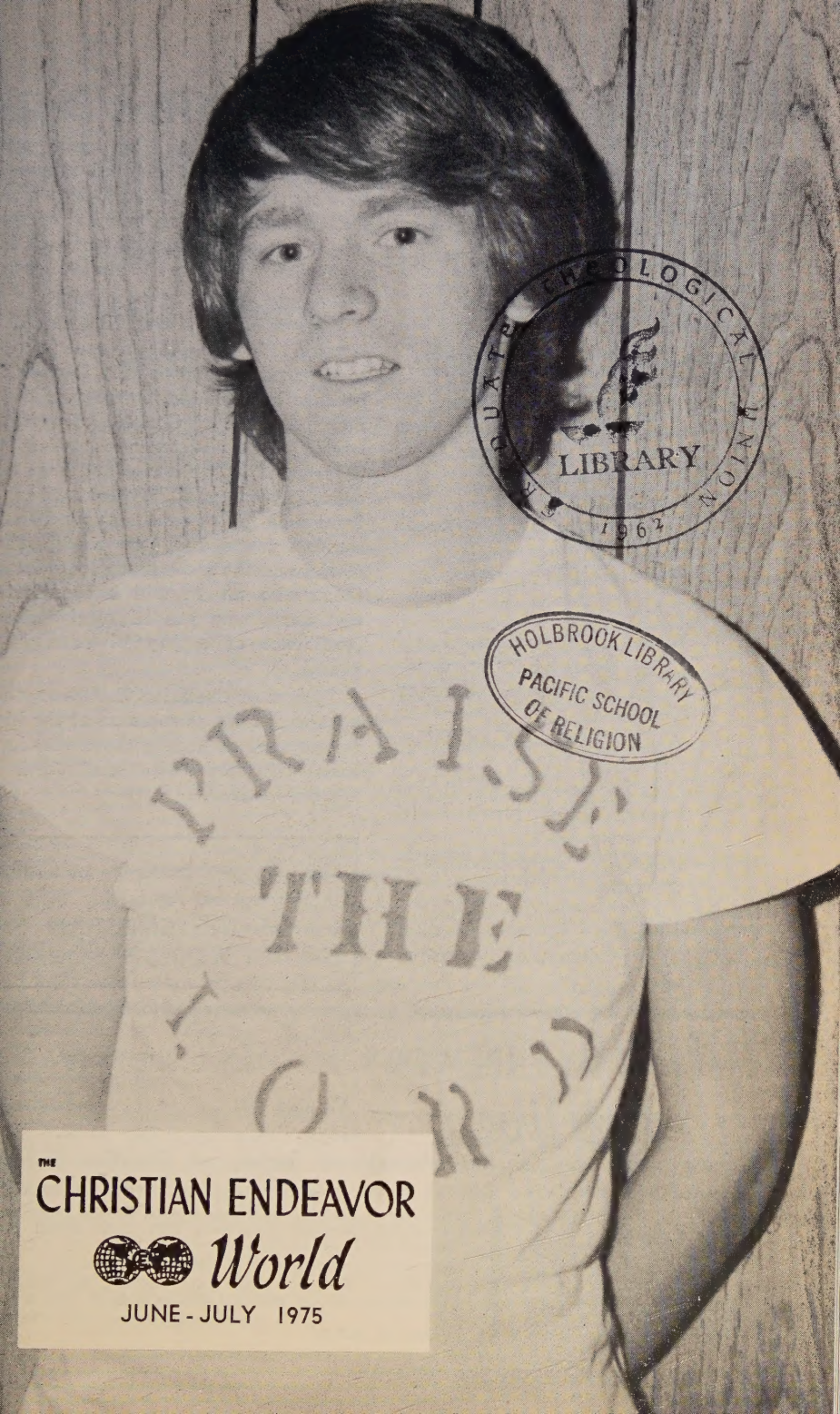

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The Tie That Binds

Familiar lines in the hymn are: "The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above." To this writer, looking back over six months of sorrow and many weeks of personal illness, the words will always mean more.

What is our Christian Endeavor fellowship if it is not a meeting of kindred minds, emotionally touched to be sure but brought together in common purposes of Christian Endeavor advance and a determined effort to be fruitful as we strive together for Christian living at its best? Then if from such minds come assurances and comfort founded on the promises of Christ and the New Testament, surely those who mourn will be comforted and those who are ill receive fresh confidence of a joyful return to health.

Typical of Christian Endeavor, such assurances are as common at the high school ages as among those who have long witnessed their glad faith in Christ.—*B.H.D.*

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ALBERT H. DIEBOLD AWARDS

THE 1975 WINNERS

INDIVIDUALS

DONALD VERNON HUDSON

Christian Church
New Cumberland
West Virginia

For his entry, "Marathon for the Master," Donald will receive $125 in cash plus a grant (to a maximum of $100) for the expenses of attending the 53rd International Convention June 30-July 4 in Portland, Oregon.

SOCIETIES

SENIOR HIGH CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY

Second Christian Church
Houston, Texas

For its nativity scene, "The Birth of Jesus," this group will receive $150 in cash plus a grant (to a maximum of $150) for the expenses of one or more youth representatives to attend the Portland Convention.

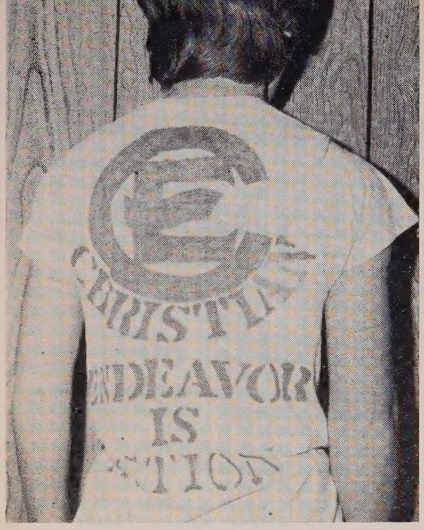
Winning youth and Christian Endeavor societies in the 1975 Christian Youth Witness Program sponsored by the International Society of Christian Endeavor were announced April 8 by Rev. Charles W. Barner, general secretary.

The Albert H. Diebold Awards, in addition to cash and grants as listed, include an attractive plaque to all winners, plus honor certificates to all other qualified entrants. The awards will be presented during the International Convention in Portland at the July 4 banquet. The evening's program will feature the young people who are to be honored.

Individual winners entered an activity, article, editorial, talk, poster, black and white photograph, or a cartoon. Entries had to be developed, written, or released after February 15, 1974, and were judged on the basis of originality, excellence of literary or art form used, and their Christian witness to the community.

Societies sponsored and reported Christian witness projects begun after February 15 last year. Each activity was evaluated on the basis of group participation, goals established or achieved, and its Christian witness to the community.

Through the generous financial support of Albert H. Diebold, a Christian layman of New York City who died in 1964, and the Diebold Foundation, this continuing program has been made possible. The 1975 Program marks the 19th year that the awards have been named in honor of Mr. Diebold and is the 22nd annual competition.



Runner for Christ Covers 373 Miles To Win First Place

Donald Vernon Hudson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hudson of New Cumberland, West Virginia, is a senior at Oak Glen High School, member of the varsity band, and on the track team.

His grandfather, Rev. Allen S. Fields, is minister of New Cumberland Christian Church where Don is treasurer of the Christian Endeavor Society.

The series of events which won first place began June 18-19 last year with a 2-mile run in the Warwood area advertising the West Virginia state convention. His plan was to "run for Christ" and witness along his routes. He ran to a meeting, event, or church, then gave his witness—not only in words but by presenting two songs. Along the way his special T-shirt also gave his witness.

He planned 14 events with jogging mileage totaling 373 miles. Longest was August 29-September 1 when he ran 104 miles over three days, from home to Mentor, Ohio.

On his trips he stops only for water. After rising early and eating a breakfast of cereal, toast, milk, and orange juice, he goes back to bed. "When I follow this routine," he says, "it gives me time to digest my food." Then he is up and jogging and doesn't eat until the end of the day when jogging is completed. He weighs 135 pounds and hasn't lost an ounce since he started running.

A T-shirt, gym shorts, and tennis shoes are his jogging uniform. He carries extra clothing (three shirts and extra socks) wrapped in a tight bundle and strapped around his waist.

"I have run in the hottest weather, the most polluted skies, the rain has drenched me, and snow has frozen my face," Don says. "After running with a purpose, a goal, the Saviour's smile, I really found out how I enjoy to run. I plan to continue the idea given to me, and hope that I can forever please the Lord."

The largest crowd to hear Don speak was on January 25 when he spoke at a youth rally with 350 present.

This trip was only the beginning for Don. He plans to leave May 17, the day after school is out, on a trip by bicycle to the Portland Convention. He has made careful preparations and will have 44 days to make the journey; he wants to average 80 miles a day and plans to advertise Christ and Christian Endeavor on his panniers as well as through his everyday speech as he traverses eight states on his cross-country trip.

Don *knows* that Jesus is running with him!

Christmas Project Earns Top Honors For Texas Christian Endeavorers

The Senior High Christian Endeavor Society of Second Christian Church, Houston, Texas, entered its nativity scene, "The Birth of Jesus," in this year's Awards Programs.

Led by the Senior High Society, the Primary, Junior, Junior High, and Senior societies of the church joined together to present a live nativity pageant on the lawn of the church. All the scenery, including lifesize papier-mache animals, was made by the young people. They also prepared the moving star and handled the lighting and electrical work. Sound was projected by bullhorn speakers which carried for several blocks. The pageant was presented in song and pantomime, and included Scriptures prepared on a tape.

To advertise this event, the youth distributed 300 post cards throughout the area, displayed signs on the church lawn, and contacted nearby churches by phone and letter.

Presentations were made from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. on December 20 and 21 and from 8:15 to 10:00 p.m. on December 22. During the programs the seniors distributed a pamphlet telling about Christian Endeavor and announcing the services of the church to the estimated 400 to 500 people who drove past or walked by.

T. J. Eggebrech, minister, in the church paper called the live nativity scene "beautiful" and said, "It's a lot of work, I discovered. But I really think it is worthwhile. It is beautiful! And it is good promotion of the message of Christmas, Christ-sent." He also commented, "A lot of hands and a lot of hours go into this production. I counted about 60 adults, youth, and children involved in the presentation."

Talk on "The Bible Is for Now" Wins Second for Tommy Ledford

Fourteen-year-old Tommy Ledford of Newport, Tennessee, spoke on "The Bible Is for Now" to take second-place honors in the 1975 Program. He receives $100 in cash plus a grant (to a maximum of $75) for expenses of attending the Portland Convention.

His talk was given January 26 at Northport Christian Church and to his English class at Edgemont Elementary School, Newport.

In speaking of his entry, Tommy says, "I knew that the only answers to the world's problems were in God's Word." He continues, "I decided to do something on the Bible. At school, I worked on my report, using the books from the library. I wrote about the Bible because I know that this is God's Word and that it can help anyone in any circumstance. I wanted more people to start reading the Bible and doing what it says. My posters were to help non-Christians see the importance of reading God's World."

Posters were displayed at his church, an elementary school, a grocery store, and a motel. They emphasized God's Word. One showed a crossroads with the caption "Get the BEST! God's Word!"

His talk is a summary of the Bible and of its distribution over the centuries. He concludes, "We still are tempted to do the wrong thing, just like the people we read about in the Bible. Their trials and problems, with God's solutions and conditions, are permanently recorded so that we might live without having to experience these hardships. THE BIBLE IS FOR NOW!"

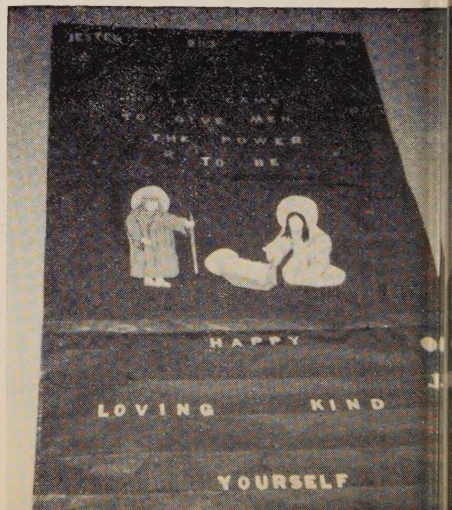
Melinda Jester of North Carolina Wins Third

Melinda Ann Jester, 19, of High Point, North Carolina, will receive a $75 cash award for her Christmas door decoration in North Spencer dorm on the Greensboro campus of the University of North Carolina.

The message of her entry, which was posted on her dorm door from Thanksgiving to Christmas, was: Jesus Came to Give Men the Power to Be . . . loving . . . kind . . . happy . . . yourself . . . HIS." There was a manger scene in the center of the poster which was prepared with a blue foil background and silver letters.

She says, "The purpose of my door decoration was to convey the real message of Christmas." She also commented, "Many girls in our dorm decorated their doors after we did, but none told of Christ's birth."

Melinda is an active member of the North Carolina Union and exhibited her poster at the state Birthday Banquet February 1 at High Point.



Janis Hamby of Ohio Takes Fourth

An award of $50 for fourth place goes to Janis Kay Hamby of Berea, Ohio, for her song, "God's Precious Gift." This was sung by the Youth Choir of her church, Riverside Community Church, on Sunday, October 27.

Janis, who is 19, says, "This song that I wrote has great meaning for me, because it expresses the feelings that I have for people that are very special to me. It's my way of telling them how I feel and how much I care about them. It is also my way of thanking God for the many blessings He has given me."

She closes by saying, "God, I thank you for helping me write the song and I'll always love you."

Here are the first and last verses of "God's Precious Gift."

There's a special friend in this world
Who will always be there.
Just cry out and say
To the One above,
"Please, Lord, I need You."
"Please, Lord, I need You."

Chorus

God works in wonderful ways
For you and me.
My friend is a special gift
A gift I will always praise,
Which I will always thank Him.

Always remember something,
That God loves us all,
And when you call
To Him again
Just say, "I love you so!"
Just say, "I love you so!"

INDIVIDUAL RUNNER-UP WINNERS—$25 EACH

Roy Owen Gathercoal of Oregon, Teresa Dale Huff of Tennessee, and Richard Rammacher of New York, all 17 years old, will each receive a cash award of $25 as a runner-up.

Roy, whose home is Philomath where he is active in the First United Brethren Church, served as a summer missionary with Child Evangelism Fellowship. He is devotional and missionary chairman of his Christian Endeavor society and was president of the Big Valley Union and stewardship chairman of the Oregon Union this last year. He has worked for about three years with Child Evangelism Fellowship which paved the way for his summer missionary work in various sections of Oregon.

A talk on "The Time to Witness Is NOW!" was entered by Teresa Dale Huff of Newport, Tennessee. She is secretary of her Christian Endeavor society at Northport Christian Church where she gave her talk January 26. She also gave it in Speech class at Cocke County High School.

In her one-minute message she told of a friend on drugs who jumped from a ten-story window. She emphasized that time is running out and closed with the challenge, "Won't you accept Christ today. NOW IS THE APPOINTED TIME. Are *you* ready?"

"Let's Get On with It" was the title of Richard Rammacher's talk given February 9 at First Church of Evans, Derby, New York. Richard is the treasurer of his Christian Endeavor society.

In his talk he says, "Let's get on with serving the Lord, becoming more like Christ, and become more of a Christian."

In listing three things he learned in preparing the talk, he concludes, "Last but not least, I learned that I should trust the Lord more so that He will help me in my time of need."

OHIO YOUTH GROUP PLACES SECOND

The Alpha Omega Christian Endeavor Society of North Linden United Brethren in Christ Church of Columbus, Ohio, took second honors in the 1975 Program and will receive $100 in cash plus a grant (to a maximum of $75) for the expenses of one or more youth representatives to attend the Portland Convention.

The group used a series of witness activities as a group and as individuals, in an effort to witness with love.

Their year-long series of activities included an Easter 1974 Sunrise Service play; witnessing at the local bus station (singing, testimonies, and distributing tracts); home Bible Study on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., including Junior and Senior High youth, college age, and some adults; a camp-out July 12-14 at East Harbor State Park with outdoor Bible study; taking charge July 7 of the church evening service; a "Happy Hours for Jesus" session September 21 with six children who are mentally retarded; the movie "Sound of the Trumpet" on the church parking lot September 21-22; distribution of 25 fruit baskets to the aged and shut-ins; Christmas play for the church December 22; a contribution to help purchase books for handicapped children; and a full week of activities Christian Endeavor Week 1975.

The president for 1974 was Daniel Kopp; 1975 president is Shawna Crooks. Rev. Clarence A. Kopp, Jr., is pastor.

"Show and Tell" Wins Third for Alabama Group

The members of the Senior Christian Endeavor Society of Argo Presbyterian Church of Trussville, Alabama, will receive $75 in cash plus a grant (to a maximum of $50) for expenses of one or more representatives attending the Portland Convention.

Using the idea of "Show" what Christ has done and"Tell" what Christ can do, these youth began their witnessing project by having 13 members attend a witnessing conference in Chattanooga, Tennessee, to learn how to witness on a one-to-one basis and carry out an outreach ministry. After they returned home they gave testimonies in their own meetings with great response. Six witnessed over a local radio station. They served as counselors at a youth rally, worked at a special state fair booth, started a Bible study at Springville to involve school youth, and each Saturday witnessed in shopping malls or on the streets and house-to-house with 10 participating. Since July they have seen about 100 people make decisions.

The youth closed their comments on this effort by stating, "We are just praising the Lord for what He has done and is still doing."

Michigan Youth Bring People Together For Fourth Place

The Senior Christian Endeavor Society of First Reformed Church, Kalamazoo, Michigan, will receive a $50 cash award for its "Bringing People Together" year-long project.

This project included a series of dinners which were money-raising projects but also helped bring the people in this downtown church together. From 18 to 24 youth, plus sponsors, helped with each of the six

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS for the festive holiday dinner was just one of the myriad projects for Kalamazoo Endeavorers.

dinners. The events ranged from an ice cream social to a casual Halloween supper to an elaborate turkey dinner at Christmas.

The group also has a Gospel Team which shares with those in nursing homes and at Christmas members caroled in the homes and for church shut-ins and delivered small gifts.

A major project is the church newspaper, THE OPEN DOOR, which is published every six weeks. Members write, collect, type, and assemble the paper and then distribute copies following morning worship.

A total of over 444 hours were given by youth for the six dinners. Janis Nelson is president of the group and sponsors are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Vander Molen, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wiessner, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Boshoven.

SOCIETY RUNNER-UP WINNERS – $25 EACH

The three groups receiving $25 as runner-up winners in the society category are the Senior Christian Endeavor Society of Ottawa Reformed Church, West Olive, Michigan; the Junior Christian Endeavor Society of Calvary Presbyterian Church, Portland, Oregon; and the Christian Endeavor Society of Northport Christian Church, Newport, Tennessee.

A year-long effort was the project of the Senior Endeavorers of Ottawa Reformed Church, West Olive, Michigan. Goals were to continue as a Christian witness in the community and to show that youth shouldn't be stereotyped in bad images and to improve their relationship within the church and improve relationships within the group.

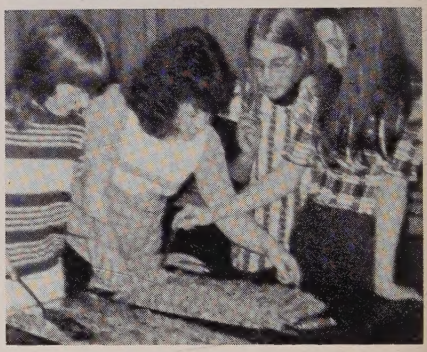
Activities began in late February. Most of the events included some type of profit-making idea to raise money to send the group to the Portland Convention, but profit-making was not the main object. Activities included a Sunday evening musical program, a paper drive, a program for mothers and grandmothers, a gift for a local urban ministry "The Other Way," a banquet to raise money for a mission in Kentucky, a picnic, a Fall Festival, Christmas caroling, and a

The Fall Festival attracted 200 to Borculo Community Center.

Holiday Dinner followed by the play "The Circus of Life."

In addition to raising $2,200, the group reports, "We also showed the community that we are Christians witnessing for our Lord in the neighborhood and also taking an active interest in His work in other areas."

A "Cookie Bake" was the project of the Juniors of Calvary Presbyterian Church of Portland, Oregon. The Juniors secured recipes; brought ingredients, wrapping, and ribbons; secured a list of church shut-ins; and spent Saturday morning, March 9, 1974, in the church kitchen baking three double batches of three different cookies.



After eating lunch together, they packed the cookies into gift packages and made 19 visits to rest homes, nursing homes, and private homes to personally deliver them. The day ended with a time of sharing back at the church. Co-sponsors for the group were Nancy Woo and Sheri Winchell.

The Endeavorers of Northport Christian Church, Newport, Tennessee, used a display at the Tennessee North Carolina Fair September 2-7 as their witness project.

Theme was "By Their Fruits Ye Shall Know Them" based on Matthew 7:20. The goal of creating a colorful and effective witness was accomplished by utilizing native fruits and materials.

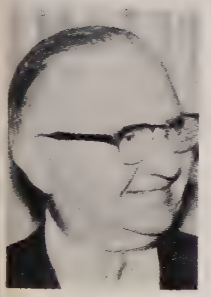
The display was a four-foot Christian Endeavor monogram in red apples with golden apples for the background. The special material produced by the Tennessee Union with the words "Christian Endeavor" in red was used as the backdrop. For the display the group received an honorable mention ribbon and $15 in cash. A total of 300 apples and 30 yards of material were required.

This group also had a unique project called "We Are Laborers Together." Nine members met June 19 to clear part of the church property for the June 21 groundbreaking service for a new church building and a Christian elementary school. They committed themselves to personal evangelism and distributed invitations and made calls. They also gathered large stones for the building and asked local persons to contribute 50¢ each—more than 500 stones have been brought to the building site and over $315 raised for the church building fund.

Advisors for the group are Mrs. Olin Badeaux and Lynn M. McKnight.

The 1975 Judges

Judges for both the individual and society competition met in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to review the entries in the 1975 Christian Youth Witness Program. They were: Dr. Norman Klauder of Philadelphia; Michele C. Saunders of Washington, D.C.; and Dr. James D. Yoder of Myerstown, Pennsylvania.



NORMAN KLAUDER is a life trustee of the International Society of Christian Endeavor and has held numerous posts in a long Christian Endeavor career, from local union through the World's Union. He is a vice-chairman of the Board of The Franklin Mint, treasurer and director of Fidelity America Financial Corporation, secretary and director of Virnelsons Bakery, and chairman of the Board of U.S. Cocoa Corporation. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and vice-chairman of the Board of Trustees of First Baptist Church of Philadelphia. Other activities include the Chapel of Four Chaplains, Allied Youth, Pop Warner Little Scholars, Temple University Associates, and Union League of Philadelphia.

MICHELE CORINE SAUNDERS is a 17-year-old senior at Cardozo High School in Washington, D.C. She was the first-place winner in the individual category in the 1974 Christian Youth Witness Program for a book of poems published in 1973, "Peace, Jesus, Love." In 1975 she published a second book of poetry, "In Search of Love." Along with many other activities, she is serving as vice-president of the Youth Encounter Christian Endeavor Society at the First Baptist Church, Georgetown. She plans to enter college in the fall and major in early childhood education.

DR. JAMES D. YODER teaches courses in the biblical department of the Evangelical School of Theology at Myerstown, Pennsylvania, a post he has held since 1953. He is the son of a minister in the Evangelical Congregational Church and was active in Christian Endeavor as a high school youth. He credits Christian Endeavor as strongly determinative in setting him in the direction of full-time Christian service. Upon graduation from Princeton Seminary he began his pastoral ministry full-time at Pottsville, with his bride, Jane Wallis, from the Christian Endeavor society of earlier years. After five years he returned to Princeton Seminary to work towards the Doctor of Theology degree, which he was awarded in 1958.

NEWS

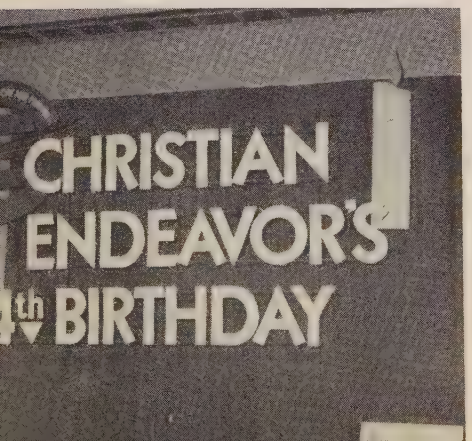
Entertain Germans

The Junior and Senior Christian Endeavor Societies of Dutch Reformed Church, Woodstock, New York, have been corresponding with six German Endeavorers since the World's Convention in Essen last July. They have invited two of the fellows to come to Woodstock for a month this summer as their guests; round-trip air tickets will be provided and the Germans will live with society members. A series of lawn markets during the spring and summer months will finance this ambitious project.

In 1974 more than 20 from this group attended the Essen Convention; most of the funds were raised by nine lawn markets and a fair. The group has also made substantial contributions to the church's work and to the New York State Union and the International Society.

Christians Endeavoring

The Massachusetts Christian Endeavor Union sponsored a careers program for teen-agers entitled "Christians Endeavoring" on Saturday, April 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Lexington Christian Academy. Lewis Oxford was registrar.



Solomon Islands Elects

The new union in the Solomon Islands held four large meetings last year which drew about 2,000 people. Officers for the next two years include Joash Waihura, reelected president; Jemima Rawa, treasurer; Paul Patrick, secretary; and Susan Ausuta, missionary convenor. The former secretary, R. Timothy Laesanau, is now attending school in Auckland, New Zealand. The union has grown until there are fifty societies throughout the islands.

Dogwood Wedding

On April 26 Phyllis G. Brown and John C. Doyle, Jr., were united in holy matrimony at Seventh Street Christian Church, Richmond, Virginia. The wedding featured Phyllis's favorite dogwood blossoms and the reception was held at her home, "Dogwood Manor," 4311 Stuart Avenue, Richmond 23221, where the happy couple is residing.

Birthday in Sierra Leone

Rev. Billy Simbo was the morning speaker when United Brethren Endeavorers of Greater Love Chapel at Centennial Secondary School, Mattru Jong, Sierra Leone, celebrated Christian Endeavor's birthday February 9. Theme for the event was "Jesus Christ—Saviour, Lord, Coming King."

THIS WINDOW DISPLAY in the Rochester (New York) Gas and Electric building during the month of February emphasized the work of the movement. Eugene G. Alhart, president of the Trustees of the Extension and Perpetuation Fund of the International Society, was instrumental in arranging for this annual display.

Christian Sympathy

The sympathy and prayers of Christian Endeavorers goes to the families and friends of these Endeavorers who were recently deceased:

Elsie Mae Sink, High Point, North Carolina

Bishop William J. Walls, retired spiritual leader and elder statesman of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Yonkers, New York

Mrs. Helen Ivory McQuilkin, Strafford, Pennsylvania, wife of Arch J. McQuilkin

Ricky Layman, 16, member of Northport Christian Church society, Newport, Tennessee, who was killed in an auto mishap

Pastor L. J. Samuels, Adelaide, South Australia, World's Union Council Member

Eurofest '75

An outstanding event this summer is EUROFEST '75. From July 24 to August 2 thousands of youth from all over the world will gather at the site of the 1958 World's Fair—the Palais du Centenaire—in Brussels, Belgium, for ten days of spiritual challenge and fellowship.

The program, based on the theme of "Discipleship," will include Bible teaching and training, opportunities for witnessing, international music and fellowship, and a part in the national Billy Graham Crusade in Belgium.

Missouri Field Secretary

John R. Shear of St. Louis began work full-time February 17 as the new field secretary for the Missouri Union. He is an enthusiastic young man and is working to make Missouri Union "an active, Christ-serving union."

Pen Pals

Would you like a Korean pen pal? Requests have come from the Echo Pen Pal Club, C.P.O. Box 5433, Seoul, Korea, and from Miss Yim Soon, P.O. Box 84, Dong Dae Mun, Seoul, Korea. Miss Soon is a teacher of English at Hankuk High School, which has 3,000 students. If you are interested, send your name and address, age, sex, and list of hobbies. Want to write to someone in Italy? Send information about yourself to International Pen Friend Service, Bellavista, 10015 Ivrea, Italy. (Type your request or write using capital letters.)

Dedicate That Rebate

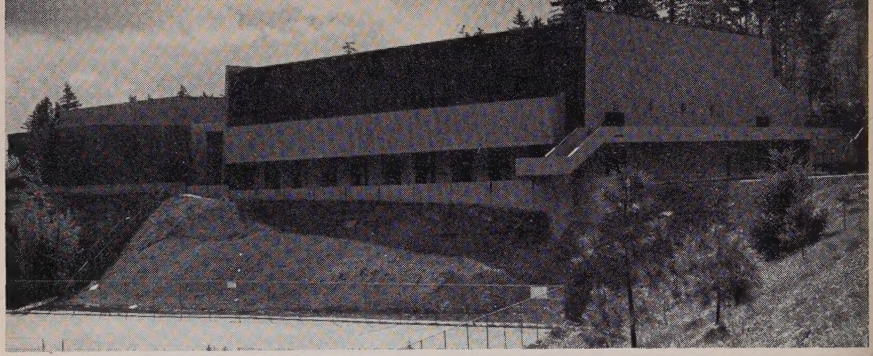
Millions of Americans are receiving tax rebates up to $200. Frank P. Wilson of Virginia challenges Endeavorers to tithe this unexpected income and make a special gift to Christian Endeavor.

The International Society is in need of financial support of its program to supply Resource Packets without charge to local societies and also its 1975 Bible Reading Program.

Will you respond to Mr. Wilson's challenge?

In Memory of . . .

The International Society has received gifts recently in memory of *Mrs. Helen Drew Klauder* (Pennsylvania), *Robert S. Hildreth* (Ohio), *George Humby* (Massachusetts), *Mrs. Helen Ivory McQuilkin* (Pennsylvania), and *John C. Richert* (California). Those who would like to give a living memorial to honor a former Endeavorer should send contributions with the name of the person to be so remembered to Columbus Headquarters.



PAMPLIN SPORTS CENTER on Lewis and Clark campus will be the scene of morning and evening convention activities.

Portland Preparations Reach Fever Pitch

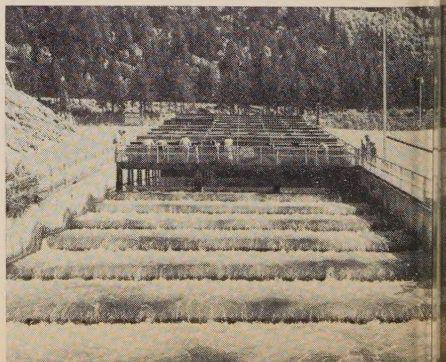
Last-minute preparations are underway for the 53rd International Christian Endeavor Convention June 30-July 4 at Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Oregon.

The Portland Registration Contest will recognize the state union with the largest percentage of minimum goal registered and with the largest number of delegates. A cash award of $75 will be given to each winner. Current leader is Michigan with 100 registered, followed closely by Pennsylvania and Texas. Unions with 100% or more of their goal include Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, and Texas.

Instead of the usual educational conferences, this year's convention will feature growth groups each morning. For the first session there will be groups majoring on Bible study, Christian Endeavor Essentials, Evangelism, Christian Writing, and Junior and Youth Sponsors; delegates will remain in the same group for all four days. The second session features 16 different subjects; delegates will select a different one each day. Titles range from "Act It Out" to "You're in Charge."

There's a change from the familiar General Assemblies each morning. Tuesday a Roll Call of Unions is scheduled with all the hoopla that includes. Wednesday is the Corporation meeting and election of officers; under the revised Bylaws unions and societies will have official voting delegates present for the first time. Thursday morning is Oregon Day with local Endeavorers taking charge, while Friday the Youth Assembly will hold the reins.

About 200 delegates will arrive Saturday before the convention for a weekend of sight-seeing. On Sunday members of the Portland Plus Alaska and the Portland Plus Hawaii Tours fly to Portland and many other delegates will arrive Monday in chartered buses from Pennsylvania, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, and three from Texas (Dallas, Houston, and Harlingen areas).



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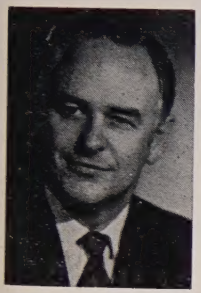

SUGGESTIONS NEEDED

By Dr. LaVerne H. Boss, President
International Society of Christian Endeavor

Christian Endeavor is approaching its 100th birthday. In fact, February 2, 1981, marks the 100th anniversary of the Christian Endeavor movement.

Did you know that ours is the oldest Protestant youth movement with a continuous history in the world? We have much for which to be proud and thankful. Since the beginning of this decade there have been a number of discussions by the leadership as to just how the planning should proceed for this celebration. Certainly we will want to affirm our commitment to Jesus Christ and His Church. Trained local church leadership seems always to be in short supply. Service and fellowship appear to be valid goals for Christian Endeavor. Hopefully, our pledge, "Trusting in the Lord Jesus for strength, I promise Him that I will strive to do whatever He would like to have me do . . .," has a place in the second century of Christian Endeavor.

We have been looking at identifying goals and aims for the future. We see the need for a review of methods of financing Christian Endeavor. We are anxious to have denominational involvement and are interested in communicating the purpose of the movement in a variety of fashions. History is always important and we are beginning to develop materials tracing the first 100 years of Christian Endeavor. We would like to look at the structure of the movement at the local church level and determine if we can be more effective at this or other levels. These are but a few of the possibilities.

Christian Endeavor has always been a "grass roots" movement and now you have an opportunity to give suggestions, guidance, and counsel on the future of Christian Endeavor. How do you think we might best celebrate our centennial year, 1981? This is the year the International Society would normally plan a convention. Maybe the World's Union could combine its efforts with ours towards one gala celebration of praise to God for His great love and blessings.

Don't leave it up to others. Give your ideas and suggestions — maybe even your time in this effort. Possibly you would like to volunteer to serve on a planning committee or you may wish to suggest an acquaintance. Please, may I hear from you? Remember, it is your movement and you are a part of it. It can only be as effective as you wish. Please write to me at P.O. Box 1110, Columbus, Ohio 43216.

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